Characterisation of GRAiNITA : Test beam results Journées DI2I 2024

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Introduction

GRAiNITA prototype

- Demonstrator for a new generation calorimeter
- Adapted to the constrains FCC-ee
- Allows a fine digitization of the electromagnetic cascade thanks to light confinement
- Reasonable cost

Collaboration

- ICJLab (Orsay-France)
- LPCA (Clermont-Ferrand-France)
- ISMA (Partner-Ukraine)



Concept of GRAiNITA

Shashlik calorimeter

Alternated layer of scintillator and absorber



- High granularity
- Limited energy resolution :

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}}$$

GRAiNITA

Scintillator grain and absorber mixed in the same volume



- High granularity
- Expected energy resolution¹: $\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{1\% \text{ to } 2\%}{\sqrt{E}}$

The energy resolution of a calorimeter can be written as :

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{A}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{B}{E} \oplus C$$

The determination of the C-term value is one of the challenges of the project.

¹G4 simulation : Poster IEE/NSS 2024 : Energy resolution of the GRAiNITA protoype detector

GRAiNITA prototype





Grain filling (ZnWO4)

Empty prototype

The GRAiNITA prototype is aimed at studying the performance of such a calorimeter :

The number of photo-electrons per GeV

The uniformity response (ex. close to a fiber or half-way)

Studies :

Cosmics muons (2023-2024), Test beam (June 2024)



- Operated in June 2024 at CERN (North Area)
- Pions (a lot) and muons (fewer)
- GRAiNITA with water and heavy liquid
- Only water presented here because of a leak in the second case
- Scitillators located 2 m before GRAiNITA provide the trigger
- A wire chamber allows to perform track reconstruction

Some photographs



Installation in the North Area



Installation of the GRAiNITA prototype

Fast acquisition system

Properties

- Digitiser : Wavecatcher
- Fast acquisition (> 1GHz) based on capacitor arrays
- 16 independent channels readout
- Allows single photon-electron (PE) counting during 25 μs
- Triggered by the 2 scintillators

Output

- Number of PE/channels for each event
- First µs acquired with the digitiser



Acquisition software

The wire chamber (DWC)

Properties

- Particles tracks reconstructed using the DWC
- DWC reconstructed track precision < 250 μm
- First observable : projection of GRAiNITA mean number of PE/track on the DWC
- Fibres clearly seen
- Some dead zones (from the DWC)



Computed track resolution of the



GRAiNITA projection on the DWC

Light confinement

Properties

 The wavecatcher allows PE counting on 16 independent channels

- The contribution of each fibre to the total map can be observed
- Confirmation of the light is confined around its production



Homogenisation procedure



- Detector is splitted in 3.5 mm squares
 - d in 3.5 mm squares
- Mean number of PE is computed per square (fibre removed)
- Individual response of each of the 16 fibres is homogenised
- Special care will be made on the next iteration of the GRAiNITA detector to avoid this step

Deposited energy fits

Muons fit

- Deposited energies follows a Landau convoluted by a Gaussian law (L-G)
- 3 parameters :
 - Landau position m_L and σ_L
 - Gaussian σ_G

Pions fits

- Pions can trigger a shower
- Modelled with a Chrystal-Ball with parameters derived from the L-G.
- σ_L and σ_G determined with the muons fits
- The signal fraction f_{sig} and α_L determined at this stage, only m_L will be free in the following steps



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Virtual unit

Uniformity study :

- Performance of a real size detector
- Need to define a base unit : square between 4 fibres, 1x1 mm² bins
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Hit map



Relative difference with the mean value (in %)

- Needed to determine the constant term
- Simulated a box of 168 by 168 by 400 mm, containing a grid of 28 by 28 WLS fibres evenly distributed
- Use a homogenous medium (80% ZnWO₄, 20 % water-based sodium polytungstate solution)
- 1 GeV and 25 GeV Gammas
- Assumed no the light detection efficiency change along the fibre
- Hit position evenly distributed in the detector volume



Result



Results

- Constant term bellow 1% everywhere
- Encouraging result to move to a full scale prototype

Conclusion

The GRAiNITA prototype has been characterized:

- Test beam with pions and muons
- Allows to accurately determine the light collection efficiencies
- Used as an input to G4 simulations
- Constant term bellow 1% is at reach
- The Light Yield previously reported has been confirmed (around 10kPE/GeV)

The pion data needed a dedicated treatment :

- Opportunistic model developed
- Educated with the muons fits

Next step :

Design, build and characterize a full scale prototype